



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

**Aiken County School District**  
**Grades: PK-12** **Enrollment: 23,852**  
**Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt**  
**Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English**

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	C	N/A
2012	Average	Good	N/A	N/A	B	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	CA

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
15	7	1	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 01/16/2014. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	74.6%	67.1%	67.7%	69.3%	73.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	74.8%	74.1%	76.0%	75.3%
Average District	76.9%	73.4%	73.0%	75.7%	74.5%

PASS	2013 Reading	2013 Math	2013 Science	2013 Social Studies	2013 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	38.5%	25.7%	17.1%	25.9%	31.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	42.2%	35.9%	23.8%	35.9%	33.5%
Average District	41.7%	35.6%	23.9%	36.9%	33.8%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	86.0%	8.4%	5.6%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	83.9%	10.2%	6.0%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2013 (%)

District	93.3%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.2%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	76.7%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	75.4%

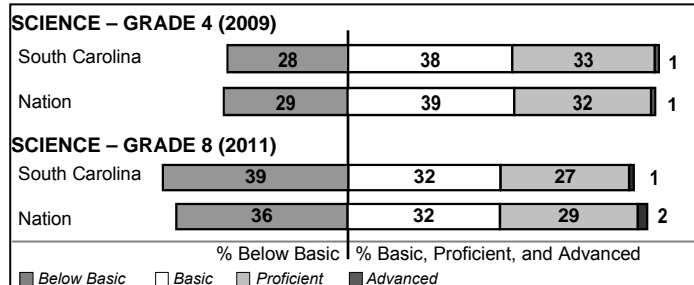
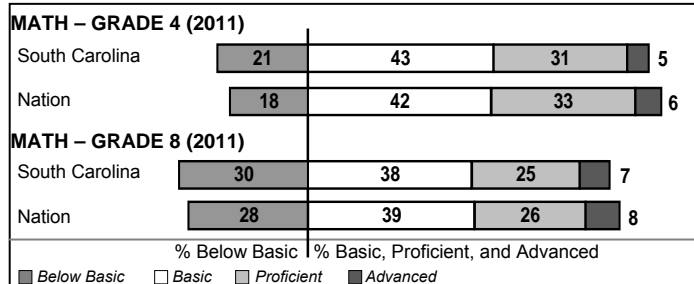
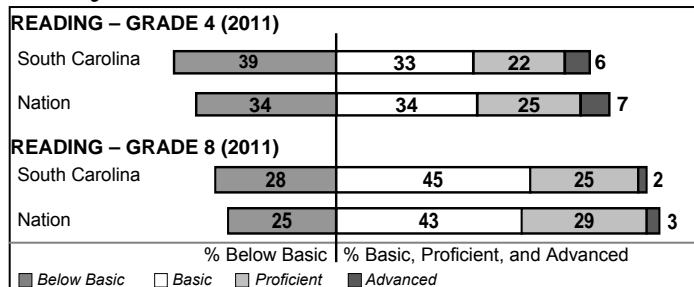
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	80.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	80.7%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

### Abbreviations Key

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# Aiken County School District

## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=23,852)</b>				
Retention rate	1.8%	Down from 2.0%	1.6%	1.9%
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.2%	95.8%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	15.1%	N/A	15.7%	12.0%
With disabilities	10.0%	N/A	13.1%	12.7%
Older than usual for grade	5.1%	N/A	4.3%	4.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.8%	Up from 0.4%	0.8%	0.7%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	28.5%	Up from 25.7%	18.6%	14.0%
Successful on AP/IB exams	N/A	N/A	54.0%	50.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	32.6%	Down from 35.6%	32.7%	31.8%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	117	Down from 202	63	50
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	116	Up from 109	51	37
Annual dropout rate	3.8%	No Change	2.1%	2.3%
<b>Teachers (n=1,726)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.3%	Down from 57.1%	62.4%	61.4%
Continuing contract teachers	79.8%	Down from 84.3%	83.9%	80.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	92.0%	Up from 91.4%	91.3%	90.4%
Teacher attendance rate	94.7%	Down from 95.1%	95.0%	94.8%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,928	Up 2.1%	\$49,249	\$47,587
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.2%	Down from 0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	1.5%	Down from 3.6%	1.3%	1.8%
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Down from 12.4 days	10.6 days	10.3 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	6.0	Up from 5.0	6.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.1 to 1	Down from 24.5 to 1	22.3 to 1	22.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.5%	Down from 90.0%	89.9%	89.4%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,971	Up 3.2%	\$8,837	\$9,101
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.0%	Down from 58.7%	53.0%	52.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	61.0%	Down from 61.4%	57.0%	56.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	44	Up from 40	14	11
Portable classrooms	5.9%	Down from 8.7%	0.8%	0.9%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	39.0	Up from 37.0	13.0	10.0
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	98.4%	100.0%
Average administrator salary	\$77,197	Up 1.6%	\$81,174	\$79,389
Number of charter schools	5	Up from 3	0	0
ESEA composite index score	75.4	Down from 86.6	86.1	81.0

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	ESEA Grade
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

Aiken County is South Carolina's fifth largest public school district educating a diverse population of nearly 25,000 students in 20 elementary schools, 11 middle schools, 7 high schools, 3 charter schools, a career and technology center, and an adult education program. Our primary focus is to enable all students to become productive members of society, empowered with the knowledge and ability necessary to compete and contribute in a global society by providing challenging and rewarding academic and extra-curricular experiences. In 2012-2013 our schools continued the tradition of excellence in the Palmetto Gold and Silver awards program with sixteen schools being acclaimed for academic achievement and eight recognized for closing the achievement gap. North Augusta High School was named to the South Carolina School Improvement Council Excellence Honor Roll for significant efforts to foster civic engagement in public education. Hammond Hill Elementary was named Palmetto's Finest, and South Aiken High School was recognized as a top school in both Newsweek and U. S. News and World Report. Aiken County students taking SAT and ACT national assessments continued to perform above the state average and matched the ACT national average. Our graduates again set a district record in 2013 by earning over \$45.3 million in scholarships.

We attribute our enduring success to our emphasis on reading achievement, our early focus on Common Core State Standards, our collaborative approach to curriculum alignment, and school restructuring based on Making Middle Grades Work and High Schools That Work. The District also continues to emphasize reading success with intervention services in elementary schools focusing individual and small group intervention on struggling readers. In addition, working closely with our local colleges, we are preparing students for post high school success by increasing the number in dual-enrollment and concurrent enrollment classes. Partnerships with local colleges also included continued education courses for teachers, an expanded algebra I and II alignment project, an elementary fractions institute and a primary numeration institute. Extracurricular and supplemental programs such as the FFA, culinary arts, drama, visual arts, vocal performance, FBLA, and Career and Technology Education (CATE) programs received numerous state and national awards and recognition. Students were honored for state and national citizenship, artistic endeavors, and athletic accomplishments. South Aiken High School's golf and tennis teams each won state championships. Our JROTC programs were recognized as state and national winners in drill, rifle, and academic competitions. Schools and teachers regularly receive grants and awards for science, math, arts, literacy, social studies, and healthy living programs. Ten schools received grants to expand their efforts with Project Unify, an initiative to build bridges between general and special education students. As superintendent of Aiken County Public Schools, I am afforded the distinct opportunity to work alongside highly motivated, qualified faculty and staff. With the shared vision of academic success, our communities and the Aiken County Public School District will surpass goals and set the achievement bar even higher during the 2013-14 school year.

Elizabeth Everitt, Superintendent

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